

# **GROUP TRAVEL PROPOSAL**

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# **Program Name: Holy Land Pilgrimage**

Trip Duration: 10 days September 26- October 05, 2023
The Holy Land

Thank you for deciding to work with Select International Tours and Cruises. We look forward to discussing this proposal with you and responding to any questions or concerns you may have.

We will do everything possible to ensure your trip is an interesting, spiritually enriching, and rewarding experience!

#### B-Breakfast L-Lunch D-Dinner

- \* Exact hotels and air will be confirmed 90 days prior to departure.
- \*\* Please note that the sightseeing content may be amended or eliminated in order to facilitate the best arrangement for your group.
- \* Occasionally itinerary or flight changes happen outside of our control. We request your full cooperation on ensuring flexibility international group travel

For your convenience, we have highlighted the most important parts of the Terms and Conditions which govern this group booking. However, it is extremely important for you to be familiar with the entire document. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

# **ITINERARY**

#### We have 35 seats confirmed on Lufthansa Airlines

Hotels are excellent: Magdala Hotel for 4 nights right on the shores of the Sea of Galilee and Notre Dame which is across the street from the Old City Jerusalem and most requested hotel because of its location.

## September 26, Tuesday Day 1- DEPART FROM USA

Depart on an overnight flight from Newark to Tel Aviv on a non-stop United flight. Dinner and breakfast will be served on the flight.

## September 27, Wednesday Day 2 – ARRIVAL- NAZARETH-

Arriving in Tel Aviv, we meet our guide and board our deluxe motor coach to Galilee. We visit **Mt. Carmel** to **celebrate Mass** at **Stella Maris Church** before arriving at our hotel. (D)

## September 28, Thursday Day 3 – MT. TABOR- NAZARETH- CANA

We start the day with an early Mass at Mt. Tabor's Church of Transfiguration, then depart for the Wedding Church in Cana for the Renewal of the Wedding Vows. After lunch, visit Nazareth to see the St. Joseph Church and the Church of the Annunciation. Overnight on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. (B. Special dinner)

#### September 29, Friday Day 4 – SEA OF GALILEE MINISTRY

After breakfast, we take a **boat ride on the Sea of Galilee** and visit **Mt. of Beatitudes.** In **Capernaum**, the town of Jesus, we see **Peter's house** and **celebrate Mass**. At **Tabgha**, we see the restored **Church of Multiplication of Fishes and Loaves**. See, Kursi, in the land of the Gerasenes on the eastern shores of the Sea, where Jesus cast the demonic spirits from the man and sent them into the herd of swine. We conclude with the **Church of Saint Peter's Primacy**, where Jesus said, "Feed My Sheep." Lunch of St. Peter's Fish is included at the Pilgerhouse. Dinner and overnight on the Sea of Galilee. (B.L.D)

# September 30, Saturday Day 5- MAGDALA- EIN KAREM-JERUSALEM

We begin the day with Mass at the Magdala Center before breakfast and check out of the

hotel. In the afternoon, we visit Ein Karem to see the birthplace of St. John the Baptist. Welcome to the Holy City of Jerusalem! Overnight in Jerusalem. (B.D)

# October 01, Sunday Day 6 - BETHLEHEM

We visit the **Church of Nativity**, built by the emperors Constantine and Justinian, with its new renovations and newly-uncovered mosaics. We pray in St. Jerome's Grotto after visiting the Manger Grotto below the Church of Nativity. Nearby is the **Milk Grotto**, where the Holy Family stopped during their flight into Egypt before driving a short distance to **Shepherd's Field and Grotto** to **celebrate Mass.** Continue our day with shopping in Bethlehem to support our Christian brothers and sisters. Overnight Jerusalem. (B. D)

# October 02, Monday Day 7 – JUDEAN DESERT- JORDAN RIVER-JERICHO- THE DEAD SEA

After buffet breakfast, we drive through the magnificent scenery of the Judean Desert to the **Baptismal site on the River Jordan.** Our next stop is **Jericho**, where we have lunch and **celebrate Mass**. In the afternoon, visit the **Dead Sea** to float in the mineral-rich waters. Overnight Jerusalem. (B.L. D)

### October 03, Tuesday Day 8 – MT. OF OLIVES – QIDRON VALLEY – MT.

**ZION** This morning, we follow the Passion of Christ, starting with a visit to the **Mount of Olives**. We visit the church at Bethpage, where the Palm Sunday procession begins, the Ascension Chapel, Pater Noster, and Dominus Flevit. Walking down the Palm Sunday Road, we arrive at the **Church of the Agony** (where we **celebrate Mass** with the Catholic Talk Show Group.) and the **Grotto of Gethsemane**, where Jesus was arrested. Walk along the Kidron Valley, passing Absalom Tomb, pausing by the water gate through which Jesus would have entered the city in chains to the high priest Caiaphas' house. We see the prison at **St. Peter in Galicantu and visit Mount Zion**, where the early Christians assembled after the Ascension of Jesus. We will visit the **Upper Room**, where the Holy Spirit at Pentecost empowers the Church for the mission, and the Room of the Last Supper. Overnight in Jerusalem (B. D)

#### October 04, Wednesday Day 9- JERUSALEM- THE HOLY CITY

Early this morning, we pray the Stations of the Cross to Calvary in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. Celebrate Mass in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre followed by a visit to the Chapel of Flagellation and the Cardo. We stop at the Western Wall before returning to our hotel for an afternoon at leisure and an opportunity to do some last-minute shopping. Farewell dinner tonight is at a local restaurant. (B. Special dinner)

## October 05, Thursday Day 10 – JERUSALEM - USA

This morning, we are transferred to our flight home, filled with memories that will last a lifetime (the final day of the itinerary may be subject to change based on flight times). (B)

PRICES QUOTED ARE NET, BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY, and valid for 30 days from the time of quote. Prices are subject to change if the group deposit and a signed copy of this agreement are not received within 30 days.

PAX	AIR from Newark plus all travel arrangements	
40 full paying	\$ 3895.00	
30 full paying	<mark>\$ 3895.00</mark>	
20 full paying	<mark>\$ 3895.00</mark>	
Solo supplement	\$ 995.00	
<b>Optional Suggested tips</b>	\$ 200.00	Tips not included but will be collected in advance

# YOUR DESIRED & COMPREHENSIVE TOUR INCLUDES

- ✓ Roundtrip airfare from Newark to Tel Aviv on Lufthansa Airlines
- ✓ Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- ✓ First-class hotels for 8 nights
- ✓ Service charges and hotel taxes
- ✔ Buffet breakfast daily
- ✓ 7 hotel dinners at the hotels (standard 3-course menu, beverages available at an additional cost)
- ✓ 1 Restaurant dinner with wine
- ✓ 1 lunch
- ✓ All transfers with a private A/C motor coach as per itinerary
- ✓ Professional English speaking tour director throughout
- ✓ Sightseeing tours as per itinerary
- ✓ Entrance fees included to sites specifically listed (outside view means no entrance is included)
- ✓ Luggage handling at hotels (one piece per person in / out)
- ✓ Select International Tours Travel Portfolio
- ✔ Confirmation of daily Mass
- ✓ Whisper sets

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# RATES DO NOT INCLUDE

- Personal expenses
- Medical Insurance
- Any items not explicitly mentioned in the listed inclusions
- Beverages at meals unless otherwise noted
- Gratuities for the guide(s), driver, and wait staff (please refer to the suggestions we will make available to you).
- Church donations

## **BAGGAGE CHARGES NOT INCLUDED IN TRIP COST:**

• Any airline baggage charges.

- Baggage handling at train stations, airports, and hotels in excess of one suitcase per person.
- Any charges incurred due to excessive luggage, including the cost of an additional baggage vehicle or porterage charges.

# **GROUP BOOKING TERMS**

#### PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

• Select International Tours is happy to assist with your promotional efforts by designing and printing up to 200 copies of a four-page color brochure or 200 4x6" postcards upon receipt of the group deposit and signed group agreement.

## **DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENTS**

To proceed with individual reservations, a \$500.00 per person deposit is required based on the schedule located at the bottom of this proposal. Initial deposit must be received, along with a copy of the passenger's passport picture page, optional insurance premium, and a signed copy of the Registration/Consent form from the back of the trip brochure. A copy can also be downloaded from www.selectinternationaltours.com.

**The final payment** is due 60 days before departure. An invoice due date reminder will be emailed approximately 90 days before departure.

**A late payment fee** of \$100.00 per person will be assessed for all payments received within 45 days of departure.

**Forms of payment:** Prices quoted are for check payment only. A \$50.00 service fee per returned check applies. International wire transfer payments must include an additional \$30.00 wire transfer fee. All payments within 14 days of departure must be by wire transfer or certified check.

Credit cards: Prices quoted are based on cash /check payment discounts. Credit Card prices are 4% higher for new reservations. Credit Card payments can be processed through Pay Pal, or the passengers may choose to have Select process the payment by downloading a Select International Credit Card Form from the Useful Information page of our website: <a href="www.selectinternationaltours.com">www.selectinternationaltours.com</a>. The credit card forms must be mailed to us with an original signature and copies of the credit card front and back.

Occasionally, certain hotels may require an additional deposit to hold the group space. We are unable to advance hotel deposits. You will be notified of the amount and the payment deadline as soon as the hotels inform us of their requirement.

### **CANCELLATIONS**

individual deposits are refundable except for a \$350.00 per person handling fee for cancellations made 90 days or more before departure.

For cancellations 90 to 60 days before departure, a \$500.00 cancellation fee will be assessed. Within 60 days before departure, all payments are non-refundable, regardless of the reason for cancellation. Unused portions of the trip are non-refundable.

#### Insurance premiums are not refundable.

STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCIES: Occasionally, the US State Department (www.state.gov), the Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov), and other government agencies and departments may issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that this tour may be visiting. Select International Tours cannot change the cancellation terms based on the issuance of any such warning or advisory or the occurrence incident in one or more of the places this tour is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties must remain in full force and effect as outlined on the reservation form, regardless of the reason for cancellation.

#### TRAVEL PROTECTION -TRIP INSURANCE

We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation/travel accident insurance for every passenger to protect their investment (all payments are non-refundable 60 days before departure). Optional insurance must be offered in invoices and may be declined by each passenger individually. Additional details and policy information can be found on the Select International website at <a href="www.selectinternationaltours.com">www.selectinternationaltours.com</a> in the useful information section. Two options are available <a href="Basic Policy">Basic Policy</a>, which protects in case of cancelation due to medical reasons only, or <a href="Cancel for Any Reason">Cancel for Any Reason</a>, which provides the ability to cancel for any reason. Please refer to our website for cost and policy details. Cancel for any reason must be purchased at the time of deposit directly with Travel Insured or within 14 days of registration. Insurance payment must be made with a deposit to cover pre-existing conditions.

CFAR cancellations must be made at least 48 hours before departure. \* Pre-existing conditions are included as long as coverage is added and paid for at the time of deposit.

#### MISCELLANEOUS – IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Land Only services start and end at the hotels unless the passengers arrive at the same time as the group.
- We do not block individual airline seats.
- Frequent flyer numbers should be provided by the passengers directly to the airlines at the airport. Select International does not process mileage requests as part of our service.
- Single supplement is available at the quoted cost and limited to 10% of the group total.
- Requests for a roommate are accommodated whenever possible; however, Select International does not guarantee that a roommate will be available. A single supplement will be assessed at the time of final payment if a roommate is matched and the pax declines to share.
- Should a passenger be required to stay in a single room due to the cancellation of their roommate, they could be subject to solo supplement charges. (Insurance may cover this cost if purchased)
- Passengers who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will
  provide that assistance.
- Deviations are possible with a \$150.00 deviation fee plus any additional airline or land charges.
- Tips may be included as part of the packages if you choose. We will include tips as an invoice line item. A check reflecting the collected tips and a suggested tip sheet will be mailed to you before the trip departure for distribution on the trip. You may choose to tip in USD or local currency. We recommend you distribute tips in an envelope and a thank you card for services rendered.
- A \$ 15.00 per package shipping and handling fee will be added to each invoice should we be required to send out documents to more than one central address.
- If the group meetings are scheduled earlier than three weeks before departure, we cannot guarantee the delivery of travel documents in time for the meeting.

Baggage allowance on this trip is based on one checked-in suitcase up to 50lbs and one small
carry-on plus a private bag. Should the luggage exceed, the baggage allowance and the airlines do not
board the passengers or charge extra, additional costs will be assessed according to the circumstances.
Any costs incurred associated with excess baggage are the responsibility of the passengers and must
be settled on the spot.

Fuel surcharges and airline taxes are subject to change based on rates imposed by the airlines at the time of ticketing/final invoice.

Prices are based on numbers of passengers traveling – should the number decrease the price will be adjusted accordingly at time of final invoice which is 60 days before departure.

Please be sure each trip participant is aware of possible cost changes and signs a Registration/Consent form at time of individual deposit. Reservations will not be processed without a signed Registration/ Consent form on file with Select International Tours.

## FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE: SUGGESTED IMPORTANT DATES

Date	What to note
June 09, 2023	Individual deposit is due, along with a copy of the passport picture page only,
	optional trip cancellation insurance, and a signed Registration/Consent Form.
June 26, 2023	<b>90-day review</b> . Unused Group air will be released back to the airlines. Final invoices
	will be mailed out.
July 26, 2023	<b>60-day review.</b> The final payment is due. A late payment fee of \$ 100.00 per person
	applies to any payment received after this date. All payments are non-refundable.
	<b>30-day review.</b> Airline tickets and final land documents are issued. Name changes
	are not permitted.
	Twenty-one days before departure. Documents will be mailed out. Please schedule
	your meetings accordingly. We cannot be responsible for meeting dates scheduled
	before the documents arrive. Please check with us before scheduling any final
	meetings.